

whether or not they will use dietary supplements or eat certain foods. I, therefore, urge my colleagues to take a step toward restoring freedom by cosponsoring the Consumer Access to Health Information Act.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF RABBI LEONARD TROUPP

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2005

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the leadership and service of Rabbi Leonard Troupp, who is retiring after 18 years as the spiritual leader of Temple Beth David in Commack, New York.

All of us in Congress rely on many religious leaders in our communities for guidance and inspiration. But Rabbi Troupp transcends that role. For me, he has been and will continue to be a dear friend. I have turned to him as a Member of Congress, and I have turned to him as a member of his congregation. I have solicited his advice on the profound public policy challenges that confront our government, and I have listened to his words on the personal decisions and choices we make every day in our private lives.

Rabbi Leonard B. Troupp was ordained by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1973. He is a Past President of the Long Island Association of Reform Rabbis, and has also served on the Board of the New York Association of Reform Rabbis.

Rabbi Troupp's many passions have forever enriched the lives of his congregants and others. As a result of his motivation, Temple Beth David collects over 15,000 pounds of food for the hungry each year. Through his impossible dream, 1997 saw the reunion of a Holocaust Torah with a survivor, Petr Herrmann, whose father read from that very same Torah scroll. Rabbi Troupp has been an outspoken and passionate advocate for human rights and civil rights; for a strong Israel; for a fair and just America. He mobilized his congregation in a letter writing campaign to decry the rising Anti-Semitism in Europe. Through his hard work, he and his wife, Michelle, eventually hand-delivered thousands of letters to a Presidential Representative in the West Wing.

His sermons, candid and sometimes controversial, have been spoken from his heart and have touched the hearts of those who have heard his words.

Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Troupp dedicated his career to making our community stronger, better and fairer for people of all faiths and backgrounds. He is not simply my Rabbi; he is a teacher to a joyously diverse community in New York's Second Congressional District. His teachings, his strength and his commitment will continue to guide my constituents and me. In that sense, he has made an indelible imprint on the fabric of Long Island, New York, and our nation.

HONORING VFW 5119

HON. MIKE FERGUSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2005

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5119 in Glen Gardner, New Jersey. Members of VFW Post 5119, which includes Hunterdon and Warren counties, are traveling to Washington this week to view the memorials along the National Mall, throughout the capital and in Virginia that represent so much of our nation's history.

These memorials are at once simple and compelling, powerful enough that in an instant an old man is transported back decades to when he was young and walked on the field of battle. The memorials are our own living reminder that generations of Americans fought, struggled and died to defend our Nation and its enduring principles of freedom and liberty.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial along the National Mall is the most visited of all landmarks in Washington. The Marine Corps Memorial, also known as the Iwo Jima Memorial, honors Marines who have given their lives in defense of our country since 1775. Along Pennsylvania Avenue, between this Capitol and the White House, the Navy Memorial at the plaza honors the men and women who served in the Navy. The Korean War Memorial opened only 10 years ago, and the National World War II Memorial opened only last year. Across the Potomac River in Virginia, Arlington National Cemetery houses the most of sacred of our Nation's memorials—the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers.

There are a lot of memorials for the members of VFW Post 5119 to see, and for the rest of us, there's a lot for which we are grateful. The members of VFW Post 5119 honor each of us with their presence in our Nation's capital.

CELEBRATING ASIAN PACIFIC
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2005

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, the month of May marks Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and I am pleased to recognize the more than 172,000 Asian Pacific Americans living in Minnesota. My state is home to a vibrant and diverse community, which includes prominent elected officials as well as business and civic leaders.

The fourth congressional district is home to nearly 47,000 Asian Pacific Americans and one of the largest Hmong populations in the United States. The many thriving businesses on University Avenue in St. Paul are a great example of the positive changes and contributions of Asian Pacific Americans. Today, the avenue is a vibrant commercial corridor largely due to the investment of Hmong, Lao, Cambodian and Vietnamese Americans who came as refugees and now own businesses.

Although the Asian Pacific American community has made great strides, obstacles to success remain. I am committed to removing

barriers by improving access to education, creating jobs and eliminating health disparities. By working together to increase opportunities for all, we work toward this year's theme, "Liberty and Freedom for All."

As we celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, we salute the pioneers who paved the way and renew our commitment to those who follow in their footsteps. I am very proud of the vibrant Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in my district, throughout the state of Minnesota and across the country.

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER
AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT
ON H.R. 1268, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND TSUNAMI RELIEF ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2005

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the conference agreement for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill. I wish to commend the conferees for their work in bringing this important legislation to the House floor. The funding provided by this bill not only helps insure that our military will have the resources and capabilities necessary to prevail in the global war on terror, but it also supports the Pentagon's important R&D programs.

I recently noted concerns published by two former defense officials over possible reductions in future defense advanced technology development. While I am confident that this Administration and the Congress will continue to provide ample funding for the military's R&D programs, it is important to underscore how these programs help incubate technologies with important military applications being developed by small companies.

My Congressional district has a number of small companies with innovative new technologies that promise significant benefits to the military. Three of these companies have developed technologies that offer good examples of private initiatives ready to be advanced for military use in partnership with the Defense Department. The funding in this bill will make this partnership possible.

One company, Zebra Imaging, has developed a 3-D hologram technology that now produces three-dimensional imagery of battlefield information imagery for military planning and reconnaissance purposes. The first of these imaging systems is now being deployed by the Army for use in Iraq, with a second system planned. Several defense R&D programs are assessing advanced applications of this technology for the future warfighter.

A second company, Teravicta Technologies, has engineered advanced radio frequency microelectro-mechanical (RF MEMS) switches and relays that provide much greater efficiency and performance in military electronics and communications systems, such as radar and satellite communications, as well as cell phones and other mobile wireless devices.

Pinion Software, the third example, is developing a simple system for securing sensitive